



MAY 22 2002

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

#6

Commissioner for Patents  
United States Patent and Trademark Office  
Washington, D.C. 20231  
www.uspto.gov

Jennifer D. Adamson  
Shell Oil Company  
Intellectual Property  
P.O. Box 2463  
Houston, TX 77252-2463

In re Application of VAN DEN BORN et al	:	
U.S. Application No.: 10/089,028	:	
Int. Application No.: PCT/EP00/09254	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Int. Filing Date: 20 September 2000	:	
Priority Date: 21 September 1999	:	UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)
Attorney Docket No.: TS0919US	:	
For: PROCESS TO REMOVE SOLID SLAG	:	
PARTICLES FROM A MIXTURE OF SOLID	:	
SLAG PARTICLES AND WATER	:	

This is in response to applicant's "Petition for Revival of an Application for Patent Abandoned Unintentionally Under 37 CFR 1.137(b)" filed 26 March 2002.

### **BACKGROUND**

On 20 September 2000, applicant filed international application PCT/EP00/09254, which claimed priority of an earlier European Patent Office application filed 21 September 1999. A copy of the international application was communicated to the USPTO from the International Bureau on 29 March 2001. A Demand for international preliminary examination, in which the United States was elected, was filed on 20 April 2001, prior to the expiration of nineteen months from the priority date. Accordingly, the thirty-month period for paying the basic national fee in the United States expired at midnight on 21 March 2002.

International application PCT/EP00/09254 became abandoned as to the United States at midnight on 21 March 2002 for failure to pay the basic national fee.

On 26 March 2002, applicant filed the present petition. The petition states that it is accompanied by a proper response under 35 U.S.C. 371, the petition fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(m), and a statement that abandonment of the application was unintentional.

### DISCUSSION

Under 37 CFR 1.137(b), a petition requesting that an application be revived on the grounds of unintentional abandonment must be accompanied by: (1) the required reply unless previously filed, (2) the petition fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(m), (3) a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition was unintentional, and (4) a terminal disclaimer if the application was filed before 08 June 1995.

With regard to item (1), applicant has provided the required reply under 35 U.S.C. 371.

With regard to item (2), applicant has provided the required petition fee.

With regard to item (3), applicant has provided the required statement.

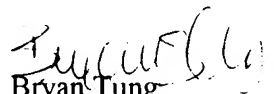
With regard to item (4), because the international application was filed after 08 June 1995, no terminal disclaimer is required.

### CONCLUSION

For the reasons above, the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) is GRANTED.

This application has an international filing date of 20 September 2000 and a date under 35 U.S.C. 371 of 26 March 2002.

This application is being forwarded to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) for further processing in accordance with this decision.

  
Bryan Tung  
PCT Legal Examiner  
PCT Legal Office

Telephone: 703-308-6614  
Facsimile: 703-308-6459